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BETHEL LOCALS.

Items of Interest. What Our People Talk About.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

Miss Alice Billings spent Thursday in Portland.

Mrs. E. C. Rowe is visiting friends in Boston.

Volney S. Davis and wife are victims of the grip.

S. N. Buck left Friday, for a two weeks trip on the road.

Miss Lillian Brown of Gratton, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Elmer Young was in Lewiston last week visiting her brother.

Mrs. Gilbert Tuell returned home from Brattleboro, Vt., Friday.

Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell went to Portland yesterday for medical treatment.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascades the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

Copies of the centennial edition of the News may be obtained at the News office for 5 cents.

S. B. Frost went to Minot, Saturday, to spend the summer with his daughter, Mrs. Carroll.

Rev. A. Hamilton is attending Lewiston District Conference this week, which meets at Portland.

Miss Adelaide Farwell left Saturday for Natick, Mass., where she resumes her duties as teacher.

Miss Sadie Abbott who has been attending school at Gorham Normal School, has returned home.

A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla now will build up the system and prevent serious illness later on. Get only Hood's.

F. S. Kilborn who has been in Boston the past week attending the Grand Order of Pilgrim Fathers, has returned home.

Miss Jane Gibson leaves tomorrow for Portland, where she is to enter the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary for treatment.

Arthur Wiley was obliged to close his school at Norway last week on account of grip, but was able to resume his duties, Monday.

The friends of Miss Ellen Gibson will be pleased to learn that she has been re-elected to her position at Mestila Park, New Mexico.

Mr. Irving Eames who has been in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the past winter, returned home Friday and started Monday for Bar Harbor to spend the summer.

It is surprising to see the marked interest taken so soon, in the bicycle contest. Evidently the young folks think a one hundred dollar bicycle is worth working for.

The Keeley Institute at Deering, Maine, has moved to 151 Congress St., Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, in a new building with all modern improvements, sightly and healthy.

The director on behalf of the Bethel chorus wishes to thank the officers of the Congregational church for their certificate all others who assisted them in any way.

We have just received the announcement, and list of premiums offered by the Oxford North Agricultural Society to be held on their grounds in Andover, Wednesday and Thursday, September 22 and 23, 1897.

Have you noticed the fork crown and neck of the Iver Johnson bicycle? A solid drop forging and no brazing. Did you notice the head? A continuous forging, no brazed stamped connections. Did you notice the saddle post? A drop forging and no brazing. Did you notice the handle-bar? A stem drop forging and no brazing. Did you notice the pedals? Drop forged and no brazing. The Iver Johnson is a great bicycle, is it not? Did you ever see its equal? S. N. Buck is agent for Bethel and vicinity.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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WAR REMINISCENCES

OF THE BETHEL COMPANY.

By COL. CLARK S. EDWARDS.

NUMBER XV.

Feb. 26, 1864, found the Sixth Corps in line moving towards Robertson river via Culpepper C. H.

The second day from our camp near the Hazel, we arrived at a place within three miles of Madison C. H., a distance of twenty-eight miles, where we remained one day and two nights, then returning to our old camp between the Hazel and Rappahannock remaining there until May 3, '64, in quiet camp life.

Now commences the Grant campaign of '64. We thought we had seen hard service under McClellan, Burnside, Hooker and Meade, but what we endured under these commanders was mere boy's play compared with the fifty-one days ending June 23rd. We broke camp at the Hazel river May 3rd, and moved on by Brandy Station and crossed the Rapidan at Germania Ford. After marching toward "The Wilderness" about four miles, we bivouacked for the night. Early the next morning we were in line and moving towards the enemy, with whom we exchanged a few shots from the batteries. Soon the musketry was heard and then we knew that Grant was "stirring them up." We were ordered forward and soon after passing an open field, we entered the ever renowned Wilderness where we met the enemy in force. The fight soon became general and our brigade was fully engaged. It was at this time that my good and true friend, Col. Edward Carroll of the 95th Pennsylvania, fell, shot through the head. His picture, now lying before me, carries me back to those days when we attended court at Gen. Bartlett's headquarters, near New Baltimore in the Old Dominion.

We soon succeeded in driving the enemy back, and soon after dark established a picket on our front, and the boys sniped on hard-tack and corned beef; no coffee could be made as the fires would have betrayed us. Our men were soon asleep with muskets loaded and capped beside them, ready for a night attack, but fortunately we obtained a good night's rest.

The morning of the 6th found us on the alert, ready to meet the enemy again. The forenoon wore away slowly, also one half the afternoon before we were aware that the enemy were coming around our right flank, right flanking us. In doing this they captured nearly the whole of the 3rd Div. of the 6th Corps, one hundred or more from the 1st Div., and a few from our brigade; about one hundred from the 121st N. Y. were taken prisoners.

Gen. Upton was then in command and was greatly excited not knowing which way to look for the 3rd Div. moved around our right flank and came up in our rear and "bagged their game." He rode up to me and said, "Keep on the look-out, while I go and see Gen. Sedgwick." As soon as he left I passed around our right and ordered the rear ranks of the brigade to face to the rear, be vigilant, and watch every movement.

The brushwood was so thick, we could see only a few rods. This was the first and last time I saw a line of battle facing both ways. Upton returned to his command a half hour later, and our next order was to take a new position on our right, across a turnpike leading to our rear; the same route Gen. Early took when he captured our 3rd Div.; and let me say here, that this Div. was not a portion of the old 6th but was assigned to it a day or two before, and was largely made up of new troops. The battle still waged heavily, the musketry was deafening and the old 6th Corps of other days was there still fighting; they drove the enemy back over the turnpike and re-captured the works the enemy had built the day before, and our lines were extended beyond the works, and that portion was driven back again, but soon a brigade from the 1st Div. "lent a hand," and the Rebs were driven still farther back. It was now dark, but the rattle of musketry was still heard all along the line.

It soon quieted down, and the boys were allowed to boil their coffee for the first time since breaking camp on the Hazel. During the night our Corps moved on to the Gordonsville plank road and entrenched ready to receive the enemy, and remained here through Saturday, May 7th. But little fighting was done this day, and none by our own brigade. The battle of the Wilderness had been fought, and neither side could claim the victory. It was the

first "round" between the champion fighters, Lee and Grant, and according to present ruling would be called "a draw."

Another soldier deserving special mention in these articles is Ensign Whitmore Jr., son of Enoch Whitmore, of Paris. Sergeant Whitmore was one of the members from Bryan's Pond that joined the Bethel Company at Camp Probie, Portland, June 23, 1861.

He was a model soldier—none better. He was in every battle in which the Fifth Maine regiment was engaged, from Bull Run to Petersburg—an exceptional record, for his regiment participated in as many battles as any regiment in the service.

Sergeant Whitmore was wounded in three different battles, though he never left his company for the hospital. He was continually in the field, even the last hour of his term of service, which ended June 23, 1864, on the south side of the Wilderness R. R. beyond Petersburg. His record from first to last is one that sheds lustre upon the bravery and patriotism of Maine's soldiers. Since the war, Sergeant Whitmore has lived at West Paris the greater part of the time, where he has followed his trade of blacksmithing.

He has filled different positions of trust and honor at the hands of his fellow townsmen. A few years ago he moved to Fayette, Kennebec county, where he now resides.

Isaac W. Estes, son of Isaac Estes, born in E. Bethel in 1838, enlisted in the Bethel Company in May 1861, and was mustered into the U. S. service the 23rd of June following. He remained with the company until November and was discharged for disability. He re-enlisted in the 20th Maine, August 19, 1862, and was promoted sergeant. He died of wounds received at Little Round Top, Gettysburg, Penn., July 2, 1863.

Good Roads, Safe Bridges and How to Pay for Them.

Shelburne, N. H., July 29, 1895.

My Dear Editor—Experience in many towns has proved the practicability and economy of making a few miles at least, of good permanent roadway each year. The money saved by increased efficiency and by reduced expenses for repairs has demonstrated that it is wise economy to make and keep up good roads. Public highways are a concern reaching beyond town lines and bridges and culverts, too, are of such general use and necessity that their construction should be undertaken by the county or state. To render bridges safe, they should be constructed of iron or steel of sufficient width and made to be maintained with special care. Existing laws which permit taxpayers to "work out" their road taxes may profitably be abandoned. The time for spasmodic road work has passed. The road master, with a few permanent hands, and good machinery, can be "on the road" to public advantage, the entire season giving his attention whenever and wherever needed. It has occurred to me that the practical business method by an individual of great wealth and property subject to great wear and tear needs to be applied to our highways; and any legislation which can be induced to promote this, merits approval.

W. K. Aiston.

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Some Changes Made by Recent Legislature.

The close time on beaver has been extended for six years.

It is unlawful to hunt game with any artificial light.

The penalty for the illegal killing of moose or caribou is imprisonment not exceeding four months, no fine at all.

Close time on moose and caribou is from December 1st to October 1st of each year, a shortening of the open season of one month.

Close time on white perch the same as on trout and landlocked salmon, and the number of pounds of these that may be taken is the same, viz., twenty-five pounds.

Fishing through the ice in the night time is prohibited.

Use of fish spawn for bait is prohibited. Spoon hooks may be used in fishing.

Market men having an established place of business may have not exceeding three deer at one time in open season to sell at retail to their customers, provided they procure a license from the commissioners, and shall keep a record of whom they purchase deer, and the date of such purchase, open to inspection by the commissioners.

All times shall be paid into the State treasury for the benefit of the inland fish and game fund.

All those who engage in the business of guiding must be registered by July 1st, 1897, paying a fee of one dollar to the game fund, and make a report to the commissioners when called upon to do so by the commissioners.

All game seized by wardens shall be sold and the proceeds turned into the State treasury for the benefit of the game fund.

Having in possession any jack-light, spear, trap, or net other than a dip net in any camp, lodge, or place of resort for hunters or fishermen is unlawful.

The solid metal bullet cannot be used in hunting moose, caribou or deer; this does not apply to the expansive or mushroom bullet, so called.

A bounty on wild cats of \$2.00.

The commissioners may, on petition of ten or more taxpayers, residents in the vicinity, adopt needful rules and regulations to prevent the destruction of spawning beds of trout or salmon.

Bounty on bears retained.

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CHURCH VS. SALOON.

Address of Rev. T. DeWitt Hyde Before the Civic League.

The following address was delivered by President Hyde of Bowdoin College before the Christian Civic League of Maine at the time of its organization in Waterville:

The hero of a recent popular novel, who was very bashful in early college days, found himself called upon to take a young lady out to refreshments. He was so overwhelmed by this novel and bitter-sweet experience that every idea left him; he couldn't think of a word to say; and so for several minutes—minutes which were ages of agony to him—they sat side by side, in awful silence. Then at last the cruel maiden broke the spell, or rather bound it all the tighter, by saying: "Now let's talk about something else." Since the adoption of the prohibitory amendment to the constitution in 1854, the temperance people of Maine have been sitting as dumb as the bashful freshman; and at length the patient and long-suffering temperance cause, like the arch maiden, ventures the remark, "Let's talk about something else."

In the mean time the enemies and the critics of temperance have not been silent or inactive. First in a few large centers and out of the way places as local exceptions; then more generally and openly throughout the larger cities and towns; and recently with frank and deliberate proposals to nullify the law by applying the "Bangor plan" wherever the enforcement of the law is deemed difficult or undesirable we have seen an increasing disregard and defiance of the law on the part of citizens and officials alike. Newspapers, hostile to the law, have seized every opportunity to publish and magnify its failings. Finally the committee of fifty, in a report which in its main is probably reliable in its statement of facts, but is misleading in the general impression which it gives by its interpretation of these facts, has declared that "more than two-thirds of the population of Maine are not living under an enforced prohibitory law, and that more than one half live in towns and cities where the liquor traffic is practically unrestricted, so far as the opportunity for procuring drink is concerned."

There is great truth in the contention of the pessimist, "In a world where everything is bad, it is good to know the worst." As a careful and painstaking statement of the unfavorable aspects of the working of the prohibitory law in Maine, the report of this committee is a welcome contribution to the problem. With their conclusion that prohibition has been tried, and must be a failure wherever tried, we may not agree. But we all assent to their statement that "The fact that prohibition has so long had a place on the statute books, and latterly in the constitution, has fostered a feeling of security detrimental to the cause of temperance, pure and simple. The corrupting influence of a large social element thriving in defiance of all law needs no further elucidation; bribery, perjury, and official dishonesty follow it."

Assuming then that the facts are as bad as the report of the committee of fifty represents, what do they signify? And what are you going to do about it?

The facts are just what we might have expected. No law executes itself. As Emerson says: "A thing uttered in words is not therefore affirmed. It must affirm itself, or no form of logic or of oath can give it evidence." No form of constitution or of statute can make a law effective. A united, organized, educated, aggressive, public sentiment is the only thing that can enforce law. Evil in flesh and blood is stronger than good in paper and ink. Thus far this contest has been between paper-and-ink temperance and flesh-and-blood intemperance. And the flesh-and-blood intemperance has beaten the paper-and-ink temperance, as a matter of course.

We have here in Maine on the one hand 1000, or at the outside, 1500 places which serve the purpose of saloons. They are organized, and behind them is great wealth. They throw their weight as a unit in politics; they spend money freely for "protection," they are training a company of supporters day and night. Against this organized, moneyed, political power, the isolated sentiment of ten times that number of good people who are opposed to the saloon counts for almost nothing. The saloon is gaining strength every year and every day, and will continue to gain so long as the good people of the state continue to do nothing.

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Bethel, Maine, April 14th, 1897.

EDITORIAL COLUMN

In response to an invitation from President McKinley, the Spanish government will send her cruiser Maria Teresa to represent the Queen Regent, King, and people of Spain at the dedication of the Grant mausoleum on April 27th.

The Governor of Missouri has received a petition from a free silver club asking him to appoint a "day of fasting and prayer for their deliverance from the accursed reign of Grover Cleveland, O. or western friends have been the originators of many eccentric ideas but this out-does them all.

This bids fair to be a season for Electric railroads. The survey from Oxford to Welchville began today, while a strong movement supported by Lewiston capital is on foot to build one from Lewiston, to Mechanic Falls, and through to Oxford. This seems to be a much needed road, and it is hoped that the project may be prosecuted.

OUR LOCAL EXCHANGE.

Perhaps there has been no invention in the nineteenth century which has proved of greater usefulness than the modern telephone system, a thing first considered a luxury but to-day prominent among the world's necessities. Like all other inventions it has no sooner proven to be the necessity of man than it has become the coveted opportunity of the syndicate. Is not this true in the case of our local exchange? We feel quite sure that not only the business men of Bethel, but every business man in Oxford county will corroborate our statement, that the syndicate behind our telephone exchange is taking advantage of what we have come to consider our necessity. All will agree that we are paying an unreasonable amount for the value we are receiving. Were we paying in the same proportion as is being paid by people elsewhere, we would have less cause for complaint; but we are not; those of us who have an instrument are paying \$24 annually and are restricted to Bethel village, not allowed even to call up West Bethel without paying the same as though we had no instrument.

Let us compare our value received with the same in other places, e. g. Augusta. There are about one thousand instruments connected with their exchange which includes, we are told, Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner, Randolph, and Chelsea, and all this at the same which we are paying for an exchange of 6 or 8 instruments. What shall we do? We do not want to give up our line, but we do want our rates regulated so that we can get more value for the price we pay. If the rates were one half as high there would be three times as many patrons as there are now. What we want is a larger exchange or lower rate; this will never get unless we cease to bow in humble submission to the will of the telephone company, and give voice to our sentiments. Let those in Oxford county interested in this question, put forth a united front against the system as it exists to-day and as a result we shall see our exchange extended throughout the county or a local exchange furnished by parties willing to live and let live.

A Week of Amusement.

It is with pleasure that we note the appearance of the favorite actress Miss Lillian Tucker, supported by an excellent company. Thus far they have made the best impression upon the people of any dramatic company which has visited Bethel for a long time. A continuous performance is given from the rise of the curtain. Among the specialties is G. Paul Smith, who is one of the finest crayon artists in America. It is certainly well worth the entire price of admission to see Mr. Smith manifest his unmatched skill in handling the crayon. Again that wonderful invention of Edison the magnifying glass is shown in itself, and all who do not see it will make a mistake.

The plays for the rest of the week will be as follows: To-night, Lady Audley's Secret; Thursday, Sea of Ice; Friday, True American; Saturday, Blow for Blow; Saturday P. M. there will be a matinee for the children, The Little Duchess.

The half hour service which is being held at Garland Chapel is very interesting and all are cordially invited to come in.

TOWN TOPICS

Gilbert Tyler of Grafton was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Ernest Walker is at home for a short time.

Mrs. Ceylon Rowe has returned after a few days' absence.

Miss Hattie Foster is visiting friends in Waltham, Mass.

J. M. Philbrook went to Brighton Monday, with a car of live stock.

J. W. Bennett, of Gilead, has been in Bethel for a few days on business.

Charles Currier of Norway, was in town Tuesday, exhibiting the Orient bicycles.

Master Freddie Hall of Berlin, has been visiting friends in Bethel the past week.

The Columbian Club will meet with Miss Purington, Saturday of this week.

Cleve Tyler has returned from Lincoln and is at work in J. P. Skillings' spool-mill.

Mr. Llewellyn Pratt has purchased the house recently occupied by Mr. Charles Davis.

Mr. Whitney, who recently purchased Mr. Thos. Kendall's home, has moved from Berlin, N. H.

The assessors are in session making up the inventory and apportioning the highway tax.

Monday was the thirty-sixth anniversary of the firing of Fort Sumter.

There will be no "Ladies' Club" this week as special services are held each afternoon in Garland Chapel.

Lewis Leavitt, Marshall Senell, and Nahum Bennett of Magalloway were in town Tuesday, on business.

Dr. C. D. Hill, A. W. Grover and E. C. Park have been chosen members of the Bethel Board of Health for the ensuing year.

Next Sunday evening the Christian Endeavor will hold a special Easter service in Garland Chapel at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Ada Wight has returned from the Maine General Hospital much improved. Mrs. Douglass has been caring for her family during her absence.

It is expected that there will be work in the initiatory degree at Mt. Abram Lodge, next Saturday evening, April 17. All members of the order are requested to be present.

The Young People's Christian Union will hold their annual sunrise prayer meeting at the Universalist chapel, next Sunday morning at 6.30. All are cordially invited to attend.

Notices have been issued with reference to the running of bicycles on the sidewalks and the assessors have ordered the constables to make a vigorous enforcement of the law this season.

Judge Woodbury writes from Pottsville, Pa., that the weather is most agreeable there. Mrs. Woodbury has planted sweet peas and set out her potted plants; the maple blossoms are falling from the trees and the spring is well advanced.

E. H. Young received a telephone message, yesterday morning, announcing the death of Mrs. Charles Lucas of S. Paris. Mrs. Lucas was sick but a short time. She went to Lewiston a few days ago for medical treatment, took a sudden cold and passed away very suddenly of quick consumption.

The following is one day's work done by W. F. Lovejoy in the West. He travelled 91 miles to Sioux Falls, where he sold an order, and left at 1.30 P. M. for Sioux City, remaining there until 8 P. M., and from there until 11.30 P. M., travelled 91 miles farther, making in all over 300 miles in one day.

The ladies will please bear in mind that there will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. next Tuesday afternoon. Important business will come before the Union in reference to the County Convention, which will meet here sometime in May, and a full attendance is most earnestly desired.

In response to an invitation from the Oxford Masonic Lodge, Norway, thirteen members of our lodge visited them Monday night. A very enjoyable time is reported, as is always the case when any of our members visit Oxford Lodge.

One remarked, "The Norway boys never do things by halves, and this was no exception."

A. E. Herrick Esq. is in Hartford, Conn., engaged in taking depositions in the important case Wild River Lumber Co. vs. Travelers' Insurance Co., which is pending in the United States Court.

The first hearing in this case was had at Portland last Thursday, when Mr. Herrick was present. But the Insurance Co. desiring to obtain further evidence, the matter was adjourned to give opportunity to take the depositions of parties in Hartford.

Mr. James Bernier of Upton, Me., has just completed a sailing canoe, eighteen by thirty-eight ft. G. B. Farnsworth, which is considered a model of workmanship.

Mr. Bernier has built several canoes and a house-boat for Mr. Wm. Brewster of Cambridge, Mass., who has a perfectly appointed camp upon Lake Umbagog.

Mr. Bernier has the highest opinion of Mr. Bernier's skill as a boat-builder, and Mr. Farnsworth's order for a canoe was given to Mr. Bernier through Mr. Brewster's recommendation.

Saturday evening Miss Purington entertained a few friends at her home. After enjoying "Pillow Talk" for awhile they were entertained by the graphophone, and after chocolate and cake had been served all bade the hostess good night, having enjoyed a pleasing and unique entertainment.

CHURCH VS. SALOON.

Continued from page one.

What have we on the other side? Against these 1,500 open or concealed saloons, we have in Maine 1,500 churches. With the exception of a few ministers and members who think they have done their whole religious duty when they have folded their hands and lifted up their eyes, and gazed at the beauteous vision, these churches are unanimous in their condemnation and hatred of the saloon.

It was the vote of these churches that in 1884 put prohibition into the constitution of the state, by a vote of 70,000 to 23,000, or by a majority of 47,000. And yet when it comes to the more vital point of making their hostility effective, these churches, and the multitude they represent, are as sheep without a shepherd, and fall an easy prey to the wolves. The Christian Civic League proposes to organize this force of 1,500 churches into a united force; to support it with the names and the means, and the intelligence, and the co-operation of all the Christian people of the state. In state and county and city and town it proposes to make what Christian sentiment there is already, and what sentiment a thorough awakening of the conscience of the people can evoke, as compact and intelligent and aggressive a force as is the liquor interest against which it contends.

That liquor interest as we all know; even where it exists under the ban and condemnation of the constitution and the law, is powerful and rich and aggressive. Its power lies not chiefly in the strength of the appetite and thirst for the drink, strong and cruel and terrible as that thirst becomes in the abnormal constitution of the victim of the habit. The real strength of the saloon lies in the far more cruel and insatiable and remorseless thirst for gold. Why is the saloon so hard to exterminate? Partly because there are a few thousand people in the state, who want to buy and drink liquor by the glass. But the main reason is because there are ten or fifteen hundred people in our midst who by selling liquor by the glass can get a living with least capital, least brains, least conscience, and least hard labor. A saloon is a place where a man can sell a cent's worth of drugs and a dollar's worth of degradation for a dime. What wonder that there are ten or fifteen hundred people in our midst who are willing to violate the law, and make themselves nuisances to the community on such profitable terms? The degradation they inflict costs them nothing; but it is assurance of increased trade; and their stock costs next to nothing in proportion to the price at which they sell it; and even that can be had on terms of easy credit from the distillers, the brewers, and the wholesale dealers. That is what makes the liquor business so attractive to a certain class of citizens. There isn't another line of business, unless it be the allied industries of the gambling house and the brothel, which like it fatten on the vices of the poor, in which a man can pocket, by giving so cheap and paltry a commodity, the wages of the workingman. That a certain class of men should like this sort of business is not surprising; but that the constitution and laws of the state should be set at naught in their interest; that the officials of county and city should receive their instructions from them; that the Christian people of the community should be ruled by them;—this is indeed surprising; this ought not to be. It is to protest against this state of things, to correct it as far as it can be corrected, and to put an end to it as speedily as possible that the Christian Civic League of Maine is organized to-day.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Who is He?

A few days ago an unknown man came to the Elms House and like all travelling men, was taken in and used well. All passed quietly until last Monday morning, when proprietor Lovejoy, discovered that he was numbered among the missing. This would not have been an unpleasant discovery had he settled his bill before his departure, but as he did not, search was made for him at once which resulted in his arrest by Officer Penley about five miles above here upon the R. R. He was brought back, arranged before Justice Grover and given sixty days in Paris Jail.

Evidence goes to show that the man, in question is or has been a minister. H. C. Parker found in the cell where he was lodged, considerable paper torn into small pieces, which when put together, proved to be letters, recommendations, and no less than four railroad passes. He gave his name as C. A. Lucas, of Portland.

For the news.

The Abandoned Mine.

Dark and gloomy looms the mountain. With its hidden stores of ore. Through its shafts and vacant tunnels. Where wild and wild winds do roar. There it stands a somber sentinel. O'er the dreary, deserted village. Oh! it is a lone and lonely sight.

And as through its streets we hastened. With a chill and gloomy gloom. Saw we tipsy looking fellows. And the gardens, weed and grove. Glancing backward with a shiver. At the echoes sounding loud. Through our minds went many a fancy. Where had fled that mining crowd? Where were all the youths and maidens. And the priest with voice so low? Where the smithy with his anvil. And his fire's ruddy glow? And the housewives, busy playing. All their implements of trade? And the children with their laughter. Romping gay in sun or shade?

Where the grimy ore-stained miners. With a lamp, their pick or drill. Tunnels long, and lofty chambers. Show their labor and their skill. What disaster overtook them. From what evil have they fled. Mine and village left as silent. As a city of the dead.

But the grim and stately mountain. Overlooking all the place. Has a dignity impressive. On his stony, rough, old face. And he deigns us not an answer. Yet the winds breathe forth a moan. Though the tunnels, as we hasten. From the village sad and lone.

West Bethel, March, 1897.

Note.—A friend of mine once passed through a deserted mining village in Vermont where a few years before there had been fifteen hundred inhabitants.

A Curious Phenomenon.

On the evening of April 10th, at ten minutes past eight as I was going from my house to the stable, I noticed a bright light or glare in the heavens. Stopping and gazing upward, I observed that the light seemed to originate in the east or slightly south of east. At first, I thought of fire; that there must be a fire off in the eastern direction, but I saw that the light extended clear across the sky from the east to the moon, which lay in the west a little above the horizon.

Seeing this I knew it could not be fire. The streak of light when I first noticed it was according to terrestrial measurements about twenty feet wide, but later on in the evening this light increased and diminished. Looking steadily upward at one time the light seemed to be close down to the tops of the elm trees in the yard and then again far up in the sky. When it was close down I could see waves exactly as smoke drifts in a slight breeze.

I called the attention of several people to the phenomenon, and they all remarked that it was the most remarkable of anything they had ever seen. At nine o'clock it gradually began to rise up from the east and there was a dull black beneath it, although the sky was clear and the stars were bright and could be plainly seen; through the light, but behind the light in the east when the black column ascended, following the light as it receded from the east, no stars could be seen.

I noticed this strange scene till after ten o'clock and at that time the light had receded beyond the zenith toward the west followed by the strange black column. If any one saw this strange sight and have any explanation of same I should like to be enlightened.

J. S. Hutchins

Scrofula Eruptions

Little Girl the Victim of Impure Blood—Suffered Intensely Until Hood's Sarsaparilla Cured.

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Children's Column.

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A kiss when I bump my head,
A kiss when my bath is over,
A kiss when my bath begins,
My mamma is as full of kisses—
As full as a nurse is of pins.

A kiss when I play with my rattle,
A kiss when I pull her hair,
She covered me over with kisses,
The day that I fell down stair,
A kiss when I give her trouble,
A kiss when I give her joy,
There's nothing like mamma's kisses
To her own little baby boy.

Ernie's Friends.

Mrs. Brown was busy dusting the dining room. She had a white cap on her head and wore a long white apron. Knock, knock, knock went a little hand on the door and before she could say, "Come in," the door opened slowly and cautiously.

It was little Ernie's plan to play "calling on mamma" whenever she had a room to sweep and dust, or a floor to wipe, so when the door slowly opened Mrs. Brown was not surprised to see a brown, curly head appear, and to hear "Good-morn, mamma; how do you do this morn?"

"Very well, thank you, will you come in please?"

"No, thank you, not this time. I came to see if you had crumbs to spare this morning, I want them for my friends."

"Your friends?" said Mrs. Brown. "Yes, mamma, the birds, you know. There are so many birds on the park and on the lawn and the snow has come again so I thought I would give them the crumbs for their dinner. I will put them in my plate and save them until dinner time."

"We will wait until we can find," said Mrs. Brown.

Little Ernie went quietly to the kitchen window, where he stood looking out on the lawn, watching for the birds to come to pick up their food as it was their custom to do.

By and by his little feet came pattering back, the door again opened, and he called, "Mamma, mamma, birds have come back. Where's my crumbs?"

Mrs. Brown gave him a tin plate containing the crumbs and he ran to the door, but in opening it he made a noise and away flew all the birds. Of course he began to cry; but his mamma said, "Never mind, little man, the birds will soon be back; throw the crumbs out and they will find them when they come again."

He threw the crumbs out and came in and in a few minutes when looking out the window he cried with delight, "They're eating the crumbs! O, come, see!" and sure enough, upon looking out the window Mrs. Brown saw a dozen or more birds hopping lightly about, picking up the crumbs so lately strewn around.

After picking them all up, they flew to the trees near by, where they poured forth their cheery notes as happy as only little, well-fed birds can be.

Ernie said their "Tweet, tweet," meant thanks, thanks.

The birds soon learned to come every day, to pick up the crumbs that were thrown to them each morning, and Ernie always listens for their song of thanks, which he never fails to receive.

Doubtless he will continue his care of the birds through the summer, too young to realize that the Heavenly Father, whose care is over all, is smiling down upon him.

ANOTHER GULF CYCLONE.

Atlanta, Ga., April 9.—Telegrams from Oark, Ala., and Valdosta, Georgia, crossing the ill-fated town of Arlington, Ga., show that that section was visited to-day by another gulf cyclone, sweeping northwest with terrific force to the confluence of the Chattahoochee and the Flint rivers, where it is divided. Toward Oark, timbers were uprooted and blown to pieces. Several lives were lost. A church was wrenched from its foundation and twisted into fragments by the winds.

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